

Since my note of the 18th inst. we have been so much interested in a matter of sentiment, honorable to our countrywomen, that I cannot forbear using the long route to bring it to the hearts of your readers.


The venerable mother of Mr. Grafton, the unfortunate mate of the bark Georgiana, arrived here in the steamer Georgia, on a pilgrimage of maternal love, to supplicate mercy for her misled son.

She was very disappointed when she found that the prisoners had left, but she bore it with the fortitude of a Roman matron, her fiancé from the path of duty had shadowed for herself. She called on the Captain-General, the Conde Alcaz, yesterday morning, and was most graciously and kindly received, and if nothing definite could be determined by him, she has cause for strengthened hope, and the advantage of a very favorable impression, which will undoubtedly reach the attention of Her Majesty; and she will be rewarded for her devotion by the pardon and return of her wandering boy. No one doubts of this.

Mrs. Grafton was furnished with letters from the Spanish Minister at Washington, Calderon de la Barca, and Mr. Webster, which were alike honorable to the hearts and stations of these distinguished gentlemen; and here, she has the heart-warm sympathy of all, for her heroic devotion and noble perseverance. It has been stated that she will continue her journey to Madrid, to reach in

I find to-day that the authorities in the case of the slave schooner captured in the sight of the Moro a few days since, had been too prompt in the seizure, as they had not received on board the material or men that would justify the charge against her. She has therefore to go to sea, and will next be heard from at the factory of Mr. F—, on the coast. Money eases suspicion and

The recent decision of the vexed and vexing questions by your national legislation have had a good effect here, while perhaps they have ministered to the disappointment of a few who have hugged to their heated brains the idea of a disolu-

 The *Shioctaw Democrat*, Coruna, Mich., puts up Gen. Lewis Cass for next President with Gen. Samuel Houston for Vice. It won't do—Samp., though not a believer in any 'higher law,' is decidedly in favor of the higher office, and won't go in for anything short of the Presidency to begin with. And we believe he could outrun Gen. Cass with the People. How it might be with a Baltimore Convention, not knowing, can't say.

FIRST AUDITOR.—We learn that James Timpson, at present Second Auditor, will act as First Auditor, for the present, in the Finance Department, in place of Mr. Canning, appointed pursuer of the Baltic.

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ARCHITECTURAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Progress of the City...Increase of New Buildings...Railroad Depots...Improvements in Broadway...Stewart's...Pike's...Tattersall's...The New Music Hall...Astor Library...

The architectural improvements of New-York during the present year, have rarely been exceeded in either numbers or aggregate valuation. The work of renovation and renewal is not confined to distinct sections, but extends to all parts of the Island, and has sent its ramifications into the cities and villages by which we are surrounded. We have alluded in former articles to the now give a detailed account of the labors of the

first reason in connection with those of the second — comprising a statement of the localities, outlay, names of proprietors and a general recapitulation. It will be seen that a majority of the more valuable improvements have been made or are now in progress on the great avenues of trade. The re-modeling and demolition of old dwellings to make room for these additions to our mercantile wealth, necessarily induces the construction of private residences in the upper Wards, and these are

characterized by a very general degree of good taste and a liberal outlay for elegant and substantial finish. The change which has been wrought upon the face of the Island within the last few years is remarkable and surprising.

We commence our sketches of improvements now in progress with a description of the

The New-Haven, Harlem, Erie and Hudson River Railroad Companies are each erecting Depôts at the City terminal of their respective lines. The New Haven Depôt is now in progress of construction on the site of the old New-York Gas Works in Center-st.—the Erie at the foot of Duane-st.—the Harlem on Tryon Row.

The New-Haven Depôt is a handsome and substantial structure, extending 113 feet 2 inches on

Canal-st. and 198 feet 6 inches on Center, occupy-  
ing the entire space formerly covered by the Gas-  
Works—a crying evil and a nuisance to the neigh-  
borhood, whose place is worthily and much more  
acceptably filled by this improvement. The Dégât  
to the City will be accounted at least four times as

The principal story of the building is 14 feet high in the clear, and will be devoted exclusively to

Freight. The upper floors are arranged for shops and factories, but will be in good part occupied by the Company for storage, etc. There are four rail-tracks inside the Dépôt, six ending a considerable distance in the rear of the main building—corresponding

the old grounds of the Elmas. Synagogue, which have been purchased by the Company. The four turn-tables are arranged near the entrance. There is still a deficiency of room for the immense business transacted by the Road, and it is understood

The Dépôt is constructed throughout in the most approved and durable manner, and, to ensure the highest degree of strength, nothing has been spared

Its foundations are strongly laid in granite. It will be completed by January next, and will cost about \$30,000. The architect is Mr. Robert G. Hatfield. The Harlem Railroad Company are also effecting a desirable and valuable improvement on Try-

on Row, between Center and Chatham sts. where they will erect a handsome row of buildings, suitable for stores, offices, etc. A corner-building, on Center-st. and Tryon-Row, will be occupied for the Depot purposes, and will be finished by the last of

January. The dimensions of the buildings will be uniform. Beyond the Center-st. and four stories in height. Beyond the Center-st. and four stories in height. Beyond the Center-st.

40 feet in depth. Three of these will front on Chatham st. and three on Tryon-row. The three upper stories will be suitable for offices. The stores will be fronted with brown stone. The remainder of the buildings will be of brick. The basements

The Dépôt building, on the corner of Center-st. will be occupied exclusively by the Harlem Com-